

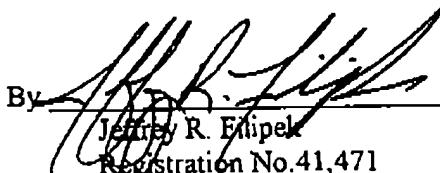
REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, claims 1-12 have been canceled and claims 13-17 added. Thus, claims 13-17 are active. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at least at: column 14, lines 31-63; column 21, lines 11-15, and 27-30; column 23, line 32 to column 24, line 27; Fig. 6; Fig. 7; and Fig. 24.

As indicated in the above amendment to the specification, this application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,672, and a divisional application of reissue application No. 09/244,037, which is also a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,672. Further, it is the Patentees' intention to file further divisional reissue applications of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,672. When all such applications are filed and serial numbers are assigned thereto, the specifications of each of the applications will be amended to cross reference each of the other applications.

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